

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other


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PATENT EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. **Claims 1-11**, are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding **claim 1**, the present application teaches a method of updating a phone book with status information of other users by taking advantage of the extra bytes available on the alpha identifier field of EF adv files (phone book). More particularly, the alpha identifier field includes both the same associated with the particular dialing number of the first user associated with the name such as availability, time and place information. The phone books of a select group of users, including a second user, are updated. When the second user wants to call the first user, the second user simply retrieves the name of the first user from the phone book of his/her mobile telephone prior to making the phone call. Prior to actually making the phone call, the second user can see the availability of the first user since not only the name of the first user appears but also the extra status information of the first user. Because the standard EF files are used, there is no need to develop a complicated proprietary system to keep other users up-to-date regarding the status of the first user.

The closest prior art such as Randall discloses a file management system of a mobile telephone network. The system uses a proprietary ADS system that required each user to use special ADS numbers to stay updated with information in a central database. By using ADS numbers, the caller can reach a person even when the caller has the wrong telephone number since the central

database will have the updated phone number to the receiver. In other words by contacting the central database using the ADS numbers, information is readily shared with other users of the ADS system. Randall fails to teach using alpha identifier field of the EF files (phone books) to automatically updated other users of the status of a first user. Randall also fails to disclose an alpha identifier field of user associated with the name and status information of the user associated with the name so that this status information appears on the user's phone when the name is retrieved from the phone book.

Conclusion

2. Any responses to this action should be mailed to:

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Naghmeh Mehrpour whose telephone number is 571-272-7913. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00- 6:00.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Corsaro be reached (571) 272-7876.

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